

D8/8

D-8/8

CROSS-REFERENCE SLIP

Sp. Br. Registry OFFICE

FILE NO. 48/8

SUBJECT:

Sp. Si. Section 4 - Indian Section
Scarp & Ditch

[illegible]

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

To D. C. (Sp. 13) 194.....

Sir,

After due consideration
I think 674 is the
best choice

C. G. G. G.

D. C. (Sp. 13) **FILE**

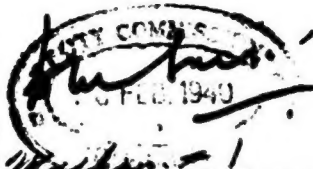
I do not like
his record but if consent
to you, we will give him
a trial.

SP. 27
Vince
Police
6/1/4
R. G. 1/3

MEMO.

D.C. Asst. Dir.

Please arrange a
Temporary Transfer.
Drop a few with
the Supervisor S.I.C.



S.P.C. 138. }
" 653 } Mayhew = 1
D.C. (Division).
674 Malcolm = 4

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S.A.D. 8/8
February 27, 1940.
Date 27 2 40

A. C. (Special Branch)

Sir,

Staff of Special Branch.
Indian Section.

S.D.C. 662 Haranjan Singh has now been away from duty for two weeks and according to information from the doctors attending him, he is suffering from tuberculosis and may be absent for three months or more. This detective was looking after the Eastern and Northern districts and it is imperative at the present time that he be replaced.

S.D.I. Fouja Singh is constantly at H.B.M. Consulate and most of his time is taken up with this work, which leaves only three other detectives for the remainder of the work. One is on outside duty and enquiries, while one attends to the matter of emergency certificates which are numerous at the present time and the other assists and is on call for stations requiring a detective. There is a definite movement among the Indians residing North of the Creek which has to be constantly watched and it is strongly recommended that a S.D.C. be appointed immediately and with this end in view I would suggest that S.P.C. 674 Sewa Singh (Central) who had experience in the Branch before and who did very good work be transferred to Special Branch.

*passports -
emergency
certificates.*
R.D.V.

D.L. (Division)

*Can a temporary
transfer of S.P.C.
674 be arranged please!*

C. Crawford
P.A. to D.C. (S.B.)

INDEXED BY
(S.B.) REGISTRY
DATE 27/2/40

R.D.V.

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, April 27, 1938
To AC (Special Branch)

I am in agreement that
SA should carry on as at present.
with the Indian Staff under A.C.
(S) for discipline &

W. Starnum
A.C. (Subst.)

P.A.

O/c SA to arrange
meeting & to invite the
Indian Staff in consultation with
AC(S) when not used for Sp Br
work.
arrangements
made
29/4



Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai

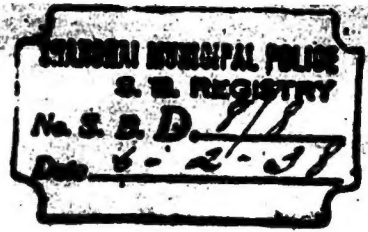
26 APR. 1938

193

To A.C. (S)

You may like to see
the attached on the subject of
S.A. I think it may be
wise to have S.A. in
at present but plan to
Indis. Staff for disruption under
A.C. (S) as to general working
of the Indis. staff under
1/2 S.A. in consultation with
A.C. (S). This will enable
me to put a piece near you
S.A. & staff get started earlier
of the Indis. Put up your views
under cover.

Wend B



No. D. 6679. of 5.2-36

Police Order No. D.4C04 of 24-12-36 is re-published for information:-

"Indians arrested at Stations."

In all cases, however trivial, involving Indians (British and others) it is essential that the names of the paternal parents and villages of birth be obtained and that all possible information on such cases be forwarded to D.C. (Special Branch), as soon as possible. It should be noted that Sikh detectives will at all times be available to assist stations in cases of difficulty. Assistance during out of office hours may be obtained by calling out the officer detailed for duty in accordance with the roster which will be issued monthly, commencing from January 1, 1937".

(S.B. File D. 8/8)



FILE

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
File No. 18
3. 4, Special Branch
Date Feb. 4, 1938

REPORT

Subject: Failure of stations to forward reports to Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch) in all cases involving Indians.

Made by and Forwarded by D.S. Lockwood.

During the past few weeks a number of cases have been recorded at stations involving Indians, concerning whom no reports have been forwarded for the information of the Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch). Considerable importance is attached to these reports, however trivial, owing to the close co-operation between this Section and the A. C. (Sikhs) Office in the investigation of all applicants for posts as Police watchmen, and consequent upon this it is respectfully suggested that Police Order No. 4004, published on December 24, 1936, be reissued for the information of all stations.

J. D. Lockwood.

D. S.

D. C. (Special Branch).

DC (Dir)

Perhaps a reminder is necessary.



C/R Republic P.O. 4004 for information.

Pa

Copy
Originals on file H 1428

8/8
17-8-37

June 17, 1937.

R.S. Heaney, Esq.,
H.B.M. Passport Officer.

Dear Mr. Heaney,

In regard to Mr. Ogden's telephone message that Police travel documents will in future to be replaced by Emergency Certificates, free of charge for the time being, I suggest forms of application in accordance with requirements be made out and signed in the case of the Sikh Police by A.C. (Sikhs), in the case of the Gaol by Governor of Gaols, and in other cases as at present by S. 4.

I can arrange for Officer i/c S. 4 to give any explanations to those concerned as regards these documents which have so far only been handled by S. 4.

The extra clerical work involved if all applications are made through S. 4 will entail the engagement of another clerk for which there is no provision in the Budget.

I hope the above will meet your views.

Yours sincerely,

K. M. Bourne.

June 16, 1937.

Police Travel Documents

Sikhs

Superintending Consul, Mr. Ogden, telephoned this afternoon that from this date Police and Gaol details will travel on Emergency Certificates and Police travel documents will be abolished.

These certificates will be issued without charge for the time being.

Strong representations have been made to the Foreign Office that same should be finally approved for free issue.

K. M. Bourne

Deputy Commissioner
(Special Branch).

Original in H. 1245

D. 8/8
10 5 37

May 10, 1937.

S. 4

Indians : Emergency Certificates to India

Reference above, H.B.M. Passport Officer informs me cases have occurred, and embarrassed Hongkong Government, in which Indians holding certificates as above have taken tickets to Hongkong only.

In future the following procedure is approved:

- (1) Indians will apply as at present to S.4 Documents will be completed and passed to H.B.M. Consulate General.
- (2) S.4 will not issue any document authorising the buying of a ticket by applicant until so instructed by H.B.M. Consulate-General.
- (3) When so instructed S.4 will issue a document authorising the purchase of a ticket to India only.
- (4) H.B.M. Consulate-General will endorse the ticket when produced by applicant "Not to be cancelled or offered for refund en route".
- (5) H.B.M. Consulate-General will then hand applicant his certificate to cover the journey to India.

(signed) K.M. Bourne

D. C. (Special Branch).

Shanghai Municipal Police
Police Orders dated December 24, 1936

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY
No. S. B. D. <u>818</u>
Date <u>28-12-36</u>

No. D. 4004.

Indians arrested at Stations.

In all cases, however trivial, involving Indians (British and others) it is essential that the names of the paternal parents and villages of birth be obtained and that all possible information on such cases be forwarded to D.O. (Special Branch), as soon as possible. It should be noted that Sikh detectives will at all times be available to assist stations in cases of difficulty. Assistance during out of office hours may be obtained by calling out the officer detailed for duty in accordance with the roster which will be issued monthly, commencing from January 1, 1937.

FILE
81 28/12

S.I.

Immunisation ... S.4.

DBR. 28/12

Chen

Noted 28/12/36
W. L. Chen

FILE
DBR.

31/12

Section 4, Special Branch,
Dec. 22nd, 1936.

P. A. to D. C. (Divisions).

Sir,

I forwarded herewith as requested the drafts of two memos which are suggested by my report on Indian matters dated 18.12.36.

Drafts

Indian matters at Stations
Cases involving Indians - importance of care in recording
personal particulars

In all cases, however trivial, involving Indians (British and others) it is essential that the names of the paternal parents and villages of birth be obtained and that all possible information on such cases be forwarded to D. C. Special Branch, *as soon as possible. It should be noted that* ~~at an early date.~~

Assistance to Stations by Staff of Section 4, Special Branch

Sikh
~~It is noted for information that~~ Indian detectives will at all times be available to assist stations in cases of difficulty. Out of office hours assistance may be obtained by calling out the officer detailed for duty in accordance with the roster which will be issued monthly, commencing from January 1, 1936. X

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

PA
order for
(one order)
JCN
23 DEC 1936

W. J. Baker
D. C. I.

No. 10

PA. 4

Memorandum.

LOCAL FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

To St. John 193

Attached as
phone plug.

J. M. Christ
T.A. Dir.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S. 4, Special Branch

REPORT

Date Dec. 18, 1936.

Subject Section 4, Special Branch --- Necessity of greater care re names of Indians arrested by Station Staffs.

Made H/ and Forwarded by D.S.A. Golder.

It often happens that the incipient cause of serious crime among Indians is a trivial dispute over money or a real or fancied wrong suffered during a drunken brawl. Not infrequently such enmities in their initial stages are carried to Police Stations, either by the persons concerned or by the Police who have occasion to arrest those responsible in order to prevent a breach of peace. Rarely does it happen that sufficient evidence exists for the Police to take action, thus the persons concerned are warned and allowed to proceed to their homes; in the case of those intoxicated, after some hours of detention at the Station.

In the majority of such cases an entry is made in the Station Occurrence Book, whilst in others a Station detective is called into the case in order that enquiries, outside the sphere of duty of the Charge Room Officer, may be made.

Now although Section 4 (Indian Section) was brought into existence primarily for the collection of information of subversive political activity among British Indians, the incidental data collected during such investigation has been and can be of increasing use to investigating officers employed on criminal cases involving Indians.

A To further enhance the value of the available information it is desirable that it should be impressed on station staffs the importance of obtaining the fullest possible particulars of all Indians brought to Stations, more especially the name of the paternal parent by which all Indians can be identified. The importance of this suggestion is abundantly clear when it is realised that 63 persons appear in the files of S. 4 under the name of Harnam Singh, but that no two have a paternal parent of

D.C. (D-1)
Perhaps you
will like to
ask the
charge room
to make a check
on the names
of all persons
brought to
the station
and if you
find any
names
which are
already
in the files
to make a
note of them
in the files
as well.



7-10-12

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No.....

REPORT

Station,

Date.....19

Subject.....(2)

Made by.....Forwarded by.....

the same name.

B

It is the practice of A. C. Sikhs to forward applications for posts as watchmen, made by Indians, to this office for remarks as to their antecedents. Such a procedure is most desirable, as it makes it almost impossible for individuals of drunken and dissolute disposition to obtain positions of trust. In view of this phase of the work of the Section, might I be permitted respectfully to suggest, that this office be informed of the arrest of all Indians. It can easily be arranged that one of the Indian staff of the Section be available for duty during the night hours, say from 6 p.m. to 8 a.m., and a roster be forwarded to all stations, giving details of how the services of such men may be obtained should the station interpreters and detective staffs find themselves in need of more specialized assistance.

There is no question of the Section taking over the manifested investigation of criminal cases, as such would undoubtedly give rise to overlapping and its attendant disputes. However, I feel that the foregoing suggestions would, were they put into application, simplify the work of all concerned.

Wm. Golder
D. C. I.

D. C. Special Branch.

Subject to your approval a roster along the lines of the attached draft, will be distributed monthly together with the ordinary S.B. roster.

DBK 19/12

Draft

SPECIAL BRANCH DUTY ROSTER (Sikhs)

The undermentioned Sikh detectives attached to
Section 4, Special Branch, will be immediately available
for duty out of office hours and may be referred to by
stations requiring assistance in cases involving Indians.
they may be called through the office in charge
A fresh roster will be published monthly.

*non duty of
the other concerned.*

JANUARY 1937

1st 6th 11th 16th 21st 26th 31st	}	S.D.I. Fouja Singh.	200 Minghong Road. (Hongkew Station)
2nd 7th 12th 17th 22nd 27th	}	S.D.H. 102 Basant Singh.	Chengtu Road Sikh Police Quarters. (Chengtu Road Station)
3rd 8th 13th 18th 23rd 28th	}	S.D.C. 77 Dulla Singh,	-ditto-
4th 9th 14th 19th 24th 29th	}	S.D.C. 674 Sewa Singh.	165 Chengtu Road. (Chengtu Rd. Stn.)
5th 10th 15th 20th 25th 30th	}	S.D.C. 74 Surain Singh.	Hongkew Station, Sikh Police Quarters.

Original in C/R file C.1948.
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
File No. 818

No. S. B. D. 818
Special Branch 173-36

REPORT

Date July 17, 1936.

Subject (in full) Application for transfer to Special Branch of Sikh Constable
No. 77 Dulla Singh.

Made by and Forwarded by C. D. I. Ross

In consequence of the recent murder in Chapel of an Indian coupled with the disputes prevailing among the different factions of the local Indian community which have during the past week resulted in a series of street fights, the work of the Indian Section has increased considerably, and the present staff is unable to cope with it. Moreover Sikh Havildar 102 Basant Singh has been detained in the Police Hospital since June 28, suffering from paratyphoid and is not likely to resume duty for sometime. I therefore beg to suggest that Sikh Constable No. 77 Dulla Singh be transferred to the Special Branch as soon as he can be made available. This officer who was formerly attached to the Indian Section is fully cognisant of the work. He was transferred to Bubbling Well Station on June 5, 1935.

The Indian members of the staff of S. 4 at present comprise:

D. I.	Fouja Singh
Det. Hav. 102	Basant Singh
Det. Con. 74	Surain Singh
Det. Con. 674	Sawa Singh

D. B. Ross

C. D. I.

Officer i/a Special Branch.

COPI

RECEIVED
S. B. D. REGIS
Special Branch S. 4-10 6 36
Date
June 8, 1935.

Section 4 Indian Staff - Present strength and requirements.

The present staff of Section 4 (Indian Section) consists of S.D.H. Basant Singh, S.D.C. Surain Singh, S.D.C. Dulla Singh, S.D.C. Sewa Singh and S.D.C. Mela Singh.

Basant Singh as the senior man, during the time I have been in charge, has shown ability and tact in handling his men and has carried out his duties at the British Consulate in an exemplary manner. S.D.C.s Surain Singh, Sewa Singh and Mela Singh mentioned above, have shown great willingness and good sense in executing their work which has greatly increased of late owing to a very noticeable recrudescence of seditious agitation among local Indians. Dulla Singh does not appear to be sufficiently keen and very rarely submits a report on his own initiative.

On June 6, 1935 Inspector Fouja Singh will resume duty and I respectfully suggest that he be posted to the Special Branch to resume his work as Senior Indian member of this Section. His experience of about 4 years in this Section and his outside connections will be of the greatest value.

Since the return of Inspector Fouja Singh will cause the Section to be over strength I respectfully suggest that Dulla Singh be returned to duty, that is, if it is necessary to remove a man.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No.
S. D. REGIS

G.S.C. Special Branch

REPORT

Date March 14, 1934

Subject (in full) S.D.C. 74 resides at No. 165 Chungking Road.

Made by and Forwarded by D.S.I. Golder.

S.D.C. 74 Sewa Singh is now residing at No. 165
Chungking Road,

Em. G. G. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

File

9/14

18 MAR 1934

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S. 4, Special Branch

REPORT

Date February 11, 1936.

Subject Section 4, Indian Section, Special Branch.

Made by and Forwarded by D.S.I. Golder.

The Indian Section was first formed and became a Section of the Special Branch as a result of the tremendous increase in the work of collecting information on Indian seditious movements, etc., which became intensified coincident with the success of the Chinese nationalist movement in 1926-27. Serious seditious movement among Indian radical political elements was noticed as far back as 1914 when they took advantage of Great Britain's entry into the World War. From that time until the inception of the Indian Section under the Special Branch the job of keeping trace of disaffected Indians fell to the work of officers attached to the Intelligence Office. It will be appreciated that they could have had but little time to spare from their very strenuous duties to spend on elaborate systems of observation and filing, they, however, were able to pass on a certain amount of information.

The opening days of 1927 saw an unprecedented and alarming increase of active sedition among British Indians and it soon became apparent that if the situation was to be kept in hand, an organized front had to be presented, which led to the formation of the Section.

D.I. Sullivan and a staff of four set about the job and it must be said to their credit that very excellent work was performed. H.B.M. Consular officials and the Section worked in the closest co-operation, thus by 1929 the D. C. Crime and Special Branch was able to call for a reduction in the work and a consequent reduction in staff which in the interim had been augmented by three

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No.....

REPORT
(2)

Station,
Date.....'19

Subject.....

Made by.....Forwarded by.....

Indian plain-clothes members of the force who had been temporarily transferred in connection with the Barcharan Singh murder.

It soon became apparent to the more radical among the local Indian community that their seditious behaviour was not to be tolerated and by 1930 it was possible to relax the pressure being brought to bear upon the minority who were bringing the Indian community into disrepute.

In the first three years of its existence the Indian Section collected the photographs of some 2,000 Indians and were able to prepare from information at hand the biographies of 1,000 of that number.

The collection of information on Indian political questions (locally) was done largely in co-operation with H.B.M. Consulate and it is still the practice to seek advice and sometimes assistance in matters actually outside the sphere of the police but inextricably related to its work.

Open sedition subsided, but not the activities of the police. To-day matters are more or less tranquil. The cause of this tranquility can be found in the occasional, futile but unprovoked outbursts against the (C.I.D.); against the members of which threats have from time to time been made.

To-day the work of the Indian Section goes on unobtrusively. Contact is maintained as far as possible with all the old seditionists who were left in China after 1929 whilst every possible effort is bent towards keeping abreast of any developments.

It is no longer the practice of the members

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No.

REPORT

(3)

Station,

Date 19

Subject

Made by Forwarded by

of the staff to visit all incoming ships, except those regarding which pre-information has been obtained regarding the presence on board of deportees from the U.S.A. and occasionally when some Indian political notable is passing through.

During the past year actual sedition among Indians could be termed non-existent, however, there was a definite attempt by the agents of a Foreign country to seduce unemployed Indians to the belief that British rule stood for complete subjection of the Asiatic Races. The approach was made under the axis of a popular movement which still claims numerous but unimportant adherents among the Indian community. Incessant observation and careful analysis of the various events, despite this comparative unimportance at the time, coupled with a complete understanding of the situation, greatly assisted by information from British official sources, was responsible for a damping of the ardour of those participating.

The work of the Section at the present time can be placed under the following headings :-

(A) Intelligence (collection of).

(B) Investigation.

(C) Office Routine.

Under (A) Should be placed work done in connection with

(1) Eastern Oppressed Peoples Association.

(2) Ghadr Activities.

(3) Indian Youth League.

(4) Pan Asia Association, and

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No.....

REPORT

Station,

Date.....19

(4)

Subject.....

Made by.....Forwarded by.....

(5) Paoshing Road Gurdwara.

Under (B)

- (1) The various cases occurring in the police districts where the assistance of the Section is called in, and
- (2) The activities of Indian money lenders, eye doctors, fortune tellers, etc., and general politico-criminal activities among Indians.

Under (C)

- (1) Falls the coordination of information and the compilation of dossiers, etc., on active seditionists.
- (2) The investigation from the files of the Section of the antecedents of persons applying for passports etc., and
- (3) Recording of the passage through or transient visits to Shanghai of undesirable Indians, etc.

The information now on hand in the Section comprise the following :-

- (a) The biographies in detail of 250 active or past-active seditionists brought up to date in 1935.
- (b) The biographies of 250 persons sympathetic towards seditious political movements also brought up to date in 1935.
- (c) The biographies in brief of 3,500 (including the photographs of 2,500 of that number) other persons who have come to notice
 - (1) either in connection with their applications for passports.
 - (2) the loss of such documents.
 - (3) those who have applied for registration.
 - (4) those who have been deported.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No.....

REPORT

Station,

Date.....19

(5)

Subject.....

Made by.....Forwarded by.....

(5) those who have sought repatriation to their native country.

(6) those who have been charged before the Courts with criminal offences.

(7) those who arrive in Shanghai without travel documents.

(8) those who have died. and

(9) a translation of the more important portions of the "Ghadr" paper is made monthly whilst occasionally translations are made from other seditious literature in the Indian language.

During the year 1935 the Items mentioned under (c) have been completely checked, edited, and re-indexed and now form a very comprehensive and accurate reference to all Indian matters, a work covering 7½ months of continued application.

The outstanding event of 1935 in so far as the Section was concerned was the arrest on March 29 of Natha Singh son of Alla Singh, a particularly dangerous criminal. He was successfully prosecuted, sentenced to a long term of imprisonment and deported. It is noteworthy that this individual's arrest was due entirely to the efforts of the staff of Section 4.

Generally speaking the Section is as up to date on Indian matters as possible; more especially those matters affecting the immediate peace of the Settlement.

The work of keeping in touch with the activities of all persons with radical political leanings, etc., is carried out energetically and forms a basis for immediate action against a sudden resurgence of political

1. The On

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No.

REPORT

Station,

Date 19

Subject (6)

Made by Forwarded by

agitation inimical to the peace and good order of the
Settlement, such as was experienced in 1927, which was
suppressed and kept in check by the present organization.

Wm. Golder
D. C. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

Reg. Please file for record

cc. Special Branch

file kept for record as indicated.
cc. 1/4/28

Reg. Please file for record
purpose.

JH
27 FEB. 1938

P. I. R.
Re H. 2366/35

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCES,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, October 28. 1935.

To D.C. Special Branch.

Sir,

No effort was made by Hongkew Stn to inform the Indian Section of the fracas dealt with in the attached crime diary from Hongkew. I was first informed by an informer and later, on arrival at Police Headquarters at 8.15 a.m. 28-10-35, received a report from Fouja Singh (Det Inst). In any complication of the case in point the Indian Section would certainly be called in to assist and would have to commence their investigation

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, _____ 193_____

To _____

-2-

from a point several days removed
from the date of the crime.

Em. J. C. I.
D. S. I.

Deputy Commissioner Special Branch.

S4,
Please keep this and
if more cases occur, we
can bring the matter to
the notice of D. O. C.
M. J.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Section 4, Special *10-10-35*
REPORT

Date *October 30, 1935.*

Subject *Arrest of Indians by Stations - Failure of investigating officer to inform Indian Section.*

Made *by* and Forwarded by *D.S.I. E.M. Golder.*

Numerous cases have occurred recently wherein Indians were arrested by Stations and/or complaints regarding Indians were made to Stations but no effort was made by the Stations concerned to inform the Officer i/c Indian Section.

As previously reported, unless the investigating officers at stations inform the officer i/c Indian Section as early as possible of Indian affairs the subsequent investigation of such cases is hampered and possibly ruined by the unnecessary delay. To overcome the present lack of co-operation I would suggest that the following might be inserted in Police Orders.

" Arrest of Indians, etc.

In all cases involving the arrest and detention of Indians or in cases where Indian affairs, political or criminal, are reported to Stations, the Officer i/c Indian Section should be communicated with as early as possible. "

E.M. Golder
D. S. I.

Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch).

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

Special Branch

REPORT

Date June 25, 1935.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. H. 517. 11Y
No. S. B. D. 878
Date 26-6-35

Subject Section 4 - Its work and organisation.

Made by and Forwarded by D. S. I. Golder.

The organisation of Section 4 as referred to in the attached report has now been in operation since June 3, 1935 and appears satisfactory from every angle.

D. S. I. Golder

D. S. I.

D. G. (Special Branch).

Ray Please place with Staff File
JMG

26 JUNE 1935

Confidential
SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
S. B. REGISTRY.
File No.
No. D 8/8
Sub. 6 135
Date JUNE 8 19 35

Special Branch
REPORT

Date **JUNE 8** 19**35**

Subject **Section 4 - Its work and organization.**

Made by **H** and Forwarded by **D.S.I. Golder.**

With the return of Inspector Fouja Singh from long leave on June 4, 1935 the Staff has been organized for work as here-under:-

Inspector Fouja Singh H.B.M. Consulate-General interpreter during the morning and at other times when required. Special or important enquiries under the Officer i/c Section 4 (in such enquiries Fouja Singh will direct the activities of the other Indian members of the Section if necessary).

S.D.M.102 Basant Singh, in view of Inspector Fouja Singh's daily absence at H.B.M. Consulate General, has been placed immediately in charge of the three junior members of the Staff and will be responsible for their direction in ordinary daily routine enquiries. In addition he has been appointed to cover "A" Division for news on Indian matters.

The three Detective Constables have been allotted work as hereunder:-

Surein Singh, C. Division.

Sewa Singh, B. Division.

Mela Singh, D. Division.

The Staff will report daily to the office at 8.30a.m. and 2 p.m. to submit reports and will thereafter carry out observations in the area allotted to them; unless otherwise directed.

Louw Hap Is (Java) who has recently been posted to this Section, will be used on whatever enquiries can be entrusted to him.

The division of responsibility (the term is used advisedly) between Detective Inspector Fouja Singh and S.D.M.102 Basant Singh was made with the view of removing any possible

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No.

REPORT

Station,

Date 19

Subject - 2 -

Made by Forwarded by

cause for friction. They seem well pleased with the arrangements, outlined heretofore, and it is expected that there will be very little if any discontent.

Em Golan

D. S. I.

D. C. (Special Branch).

\$2,

Please report how the new system is working after two or three weeks.

JMG

JUN 10 1935

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

Special Branch

REPORT

Date..... 2, 1936.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
File No. <u>2/8</u>
No. <u>D</u>
135

Subject Section 4 - Identification Cards of Indians - Recommendation
for Improvement.

Made by..... and..... Forwarded by..... D.S.I. Golder.

The present set of cards kept by Section 4, Special Branch for the ready identification, etc. of Indians and the system under which the information contained on them is compiled is capable of improvement, in connection with which I respectfully submit the following reasons :

- (1) Items of vital information are not provided for on the cards and as a consequence are inserted in handwriting in odd places where they might easily be overlooked.
- (2) It has been the practice in the past for the cards to be removed to the H.B.M. Consulate-General each year during the registration of British Indians. Such registration occupies a period of about three weeks during which time very little, if any, reference can be made to the information contained in the system. During registration the cards are handled by persons (Indian members of the force attached to Section 4) who have no idea of office routine. As a consequence the cards are at present in a filthy and ill kept condition. In addition I beg to point out that the removal of the cards from the office of origin is not conducive to secrecy.

- (3) The cards are not locked and are open to inspection by any person who so desires.

With regard to (Paragraph 1) I submit herewith an improved form of card of which, if the change meets with your approval, it would be necessary to obtain 2,000.

The space for "No." at the right hand top corner is provided for the subjects number on the "China List". The item 3rd from the bottom reading "E.C. Issued" provides

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

File No.

REPORT

Station,

Date 19

(2)

Subject

Made by

Forwarded by

space for the insertion of the dates on which "Emergency Certificates" were issued. Space has been found for "Description", and on the reverse side a column for "Associates". Thus the items of information of first importance are grouped constantly in one position and will form a far easier form of reference.

(Paragraph 2) To obviate the necessity of taking the whole series of cards to the H.B.M. Consulate-General each year I respectfully suggest that a bound register be provided as per attached suggestion, so that the fact of registration may be recorded and thereafter inserted on the subjects card. The names could be indexed alphabetically and in series.

(Paragraph 3) Much of the information contained on the cards is of a confidential nature. To maintain it as confidential matter I respectfully suggest that the cabinet housing the system be provided with a bar-lock the key of which should be kept by the Officer i/c Section 4.

AC (S. 4) *[Signature]*

I suggest that the recommendations *Ernst Gold* for the improvement in the filing system in S. 4, submitted by *W. H. Gold*, be carried out *W. H. Gold*.

D. C. (Special Branch).

S 4, I

Please go into this matter with *Ch. Insp. Lumb* after we remove to the new building.

[Signature]
30 MAY 19...

*Approved, provided
it is not too big in
dimension for
incubating.*

Section 4
POLICE DEPT.
HONGKONG SECTION.

Shanghai, Dec. 18 - 1932
To Office of the Sp. Branch

contents noted

Section 4
J. Montgomery D.D. 1.
C. C. Clark. D.D. 2.
R. B. Bennett
D.D. 3.

try for file

Special Branch

July 25, 1930.

Special Branch Reorganization Circular No. 6

Duties of Special Branch No. 4

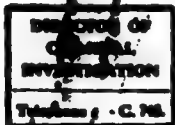
The principal duty of the Special Branch No. 4 (S.4) is to obtain information of impending trouble among Indians in the Settlement and adjoining districts, and in the event of actual trouble, to keep in close touch with all persons concerned or likely to be concerned in it and collect timely information of movements likely to affect law and order.

It is the duty of S. 4 to collect information of undesirable movements among Indians, including activities aiming at the furtherance of Communist ideas and anti-British agitation and to check the dissemination of seditious literature by persons or organizations engaged in such movements.

At the present time (Summer of 1930) the undesirable movements among Indians are being guided and fostered by the Indian Youth League, Chapei, and the Indian Section of the Oppressed Peoples' Association, Easing, and the maintenance of efficient surveillance over the activities of these bodies should accordingly receive earnest attention from S. 4.

R. Guiness

Officer i/c Special Branch.



CENTRAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

U. S. N.

B. S. 1922

O.C. (S.P.)

My original memo:
Covers these points. Please
instruct S. S. Rhoad what
is required. I take
it the Com. Gen. wants
the information from
these ships & that is
provided for in my memo.

A. L. Davis
S. S. (S.P.)

Sir,

With reference to the query in respect of item (1) of my report of April 29, 1930, I beg to point out that the ^{only} vessels which convey deportees and undesirable Indians from the American Continent are those belonging to the Robert Dollar Coy and the Canadian Pacific Coy. As already stated by me such individuals invariably travel steerage. Further enquiries made show

(1) that the local branch of the Robert Dollar Coy very seldom keep records of steerage passengers and these when taken do not indicate whether they arrived in or continued their itinerary through Shanghai and

(2) that the local agents of the Canadian Pacific Coy never do keep records of steerage passengers.

In these circumstances, I respectfully recommend that the practice of visiting the vessels referred to be continued as heretofore.

In view of the remarks made in respect of item (2) of my report, I beg to suggest that the terms thereof, in order, that all points may be covered, be amended as follows:

In future Indians arriving in Shanghai who are in possession of valid passports duly obtained in accordance with existing regulations and are of good character and not under suspicion in any respect, are not to be questioned and reported upon by the police but, on the contrary, are to be treated as respectable persons. Reports are, however, to continue to be made in cases where it is known or suspected that the persons are active seditionists or have some illicit purpose to fulfil or have obtained their passports contrary to the regulations governing the grant of these facilities for Shanghai.

In regard to the query in respect of item (4) of my report, I have to state that there are no standing instructions contrary to the terms of the suggestions set forth therein. In

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

- 2 -

point of fact, a procedure on similar lines was introduced by Col. Halland some time ago but was not observed for any appreciable length of time owing to the difficulties experienced by applicants in having their forms filled in and signed by reputable business men in Shanghai. If I may say so, the object of my suggestions is merely to discountenance complaints which have frequently been ^{raised} ~~expressed~~ in the past, particularly at meetings, that the Indian Section is needlessly interfering in the matter of applications for passports from Indian British Subjects. I appreciate, however, that these suggestions cannot be made effective by any other means than by word of mouth. To post up notices, or the like, would most probably give rise to the conception that the control exercised over Indians in Shanghai is slackening very considerably.

Arthur

D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

D.B. (Br. and Sp. Branches)

For favour of consideration.

23/5/20.

*See memo
O.H. 10/1/20
23/5*

Confidential

Special Branch
~~Secret~~ Office Notes

File No.

April 29, 1930,

Sir,

With reference to your memo of April 22, 1930, and to our consultation of a week ago, I have to state that the following changes have been effected in the functions of the staff of the Indian Section in order to avoid the possibility of the Council being embarrassed through the activities of our staff.

(1) The regular visiting of ships from the United States and Canada has been discontinued. Visits to these ships will in future be made only on occasions when a notification is received either from a Consulate or shipping company saying that there ~~are~~ one or more Indian deportees or undesirables on board. These notifications from H.B.M.'s Consulate invariably arrive after the ship carrying the passenger, to whom reference is made, has left the port. These deportees and undesirables usually travel steerage, and the local agents of shipping companies consequently have no records regarding them. It will, therefore, in many cases, be very difficult, if not impossible, for the Municipal Police under the new arrangement to comply in a satisfactory way with requests from Consulate to have enquiries made about such people.

(2) Indians arriving in Shanghai will not be reported on unless it is known that they have no valid passports or have obtained their passports on false declarations or contrary to the regulations governing the grant of these facilities for Shanghai.

(3) Indians leaving Shanghai will not be reported on except in the cases of undesirables or persons repatriated at Government expense or in answer to an enquiry from H.B.M.'s Consulate.

(4) A new procedure which appears satisfactory to the Deputy Commissioner (Crime and Special Branches) has been adopted in connection with Passport applications.

They don't know who travel on ship & where they got off? You should read my news carefully. You can use discretion. R.C.

Why 7 those people who come...

As on any day can be... Such action is necessary. R.C.

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

- 2 -

Local disaffected Indians have not infrequently complained about being obliged to apply for passports from the Police instead of enjoying the privilege of other British subjects who make their applications direct to the British Consulate without reference to the Police.

I have to suggest in this connection, therefore, that it be made clear to Indians generally that they can apply for application forms for passports direct from the Passport Office at the British Consulate, and secure passports without reference to the Police after these forms have been duly filled up in English and countersigned by some reputable business man in the local Indian community. However, in my opinion, Indian applicants for passports, who wish to do so, should be permitted to apply to the Indian Section and their applications should be dealt with as at present. In the case of an application being received by H.B.M.'s passport officer from a person whom he has reason to suspect, the same may be referred to the Indian Section through D.C. (Crime and Special Branches) for enquiries. The result of enquiries will be communicated to D.C. (Crime and Special Branches) in the form of a brief report and he will, having read this report, make an endorsement on the back of the application as he thinks fit. The report and application may then be returned to the Indian Section. The application will be transmitted back to H.B.M.'s passport office while the report will be endorsed accordingly and returned to the Registry to be placed on file.

Atkild

D. S.

Officer i/c Special Branch.

D.C. (Crime and Sp. Branches)
I have shown your memorandum to D.C. Rhind and told him that the Indian Section must comply with it not compulsorily. Will this be O.K.?
JKS 29.4.30

Are there any instructions to the contrary?

Yes we must help all we can

*As long as I can
 I shall be anxious to
 this is as possible
 to have dealings with
 with Indian Section
 verbally but all
 reports sent back
 through Consulate
 to Consulate
 29/4 RCH*

Special Branch

File No.

(SECRET) Office Notes

April 22, 1930

Indian Section :

With reference to our consultation last week, please submit a report explaining the manner in which you have changed the work of the Indian Section and the precautions which you have taken to ensure that nothing embarrassing to the Council will arise out of the activities of your staff.

M. Givens
A. G.

(G.I.D.) Office Notes

April 16, 1930.

A. C. (Special Branch)

Enquiries Concerning Indians
by Special Branch.

Confidential

I have discussed this matter with Mr. Blackburn and he states that the work should be considerably reduced now that Col. Halland has left as he has no time to continue the elaborate system of the past two years. He does not consider it necessary to keep minute records and will ask for anything special he may require. The Police should, therefore, confine themselves to normal S.M.P. work, bearing in mind the presence of a seditious section amongst the Indian community and the possibility of a breach of the peace and attempts to subvert the loyalty of Sikh Police. If in the course of these duties matters of interest to the British Government are revealed these should be brought to the notice of the D.C. (C & S.B.) for the information of the Consul-General.

It is obviously impossible to keep a correct check on the movements of Indians coming to or leaving Shanghai without a very large staff, and it is not necessary or desirable that the S.M.P. should attempt to do this regularly, but only in exceptional cases such as those mentioned above or on request of the Consul-General.

In British Colonies it is the duty of the Police at ports to carry out all passport inspection, but in Shanghai the Police have no authority to do so except when requested by the Consular authorities. The meeting of ships, therefore, for the sole purpose of inspecting

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

- 2 -

the passports of Indians should cease except where required as specified above, or when a person is a suspect or an undesirable likely to cause local disorder.

For many years past the A.C. i/c Sikhs has attended to watchmen and Sikh employment and, so far as I am aware, is still doing this work. I do not, therefore, consider that the Indian Section should concern itself in this respect except to co-operate in every way with Capt. Kennedy.

It should be distinctly understood that this section of the S.M.P. was established in the interests of local community, but it is the duty of the Officer in Charge of Indian inquiries to bring to the notice of the Deputy Commissioner (C. & S.B.), through the proper channels, and as already mentioned, any matter which may be of interest to the British or other Consulates. The functions of the staff of this section must not extend beyond the Settlement Limits and great care is necessary to see that Police action is not such as would be likely to embarrass the Council. The Foreign Officer in Charge should use the ordinary methods of inquiry, open to detectives of the Municipal Police, to obtain the information necessary to enable his seniors to keep in touch with the matters and persons referred to above.

The registration of Indians in Shanghai is a British Consular matter and, so far as I can gather, the attendance of members of the S.M.P. is more for the convenience of the Consulate to ensure good order than to aid the Police in crime and political enquiries.

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

- 3 -

It is true that certain scraps of information are picked up and placed on record, but otherwise there would appear to be nothing of value, from a police point of view, which could not be obtained, as required, from the Consulate records. It is said that the Consulate records are not good enough for police purposes, but the question arises as to the necessity of the Police being in possession of records of perfectly respectable Indians when the Consulate do not consider it necessary. It has become the custom of the Consulate to depend more and more on police records and in consequence the latter do an enormous amount of work to keep efficient on the minor chance that the Consulate may require such information. I am of opinion that there is no more reason for the Police to keep records of respectable Indians than there is for them to perform similar duties for the Consuls of other countries having jurisdiction over Asiatics.

The issue of Consular passports for Indians is done, to a large extent, on the recommendation of the D.C. (C. & S.B.) and whilst there may be some need for this, when the return of a person to Shanghai is undesirable, there does not appear to be any necessity to keep special records for the purpose other than that mentioned above, persons not in the suspect list being treated as respectable.

It should be noted that the signature of the D.C. on a passport application of an Indian is simply an indication that, from a police point of view, there is no objection to his return to Shanghai, and a covering report is not necessary except in explanation of a recommendation for a passport for the single

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

- 4 -

Journey to India.

There is no objection to a form of liaison
between the Police and Consular passport officer.



D. C. (C. & S.B.)

1028

INDIAN SECTION

D. 8.



POLICE FORCE.
(COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.)

Shanghai Municipal Council

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL
C. I. D. REGIST
a I. O. D.
Date June 26 1929.

A/D.C.I.

See also
C. 1948 for Dulla
Singh's (S.P.C. 77)
transfer to C.I.D.

The attached reports by A.C. (Political) and D.S.I. Ross
are very interesting and show clearly the valuable work this
section has done since its inception.

R. D. Martin

Acting Commissioner of Police.

*Mr. Guen
to Mr. Ross
concerned. Mr.
C. D. I. Robertson,*

(Indian Section)

*Please note and
return.*

*RMH
27/6/29*

*Noted
MR.
13/7.*

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRATION
No. I. O. D. 8
File No. 26629
Date 26.6.29

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

June 21, 1929.

Sir,

I submit herewith a report from D.S.I. Ross on the work of the Indian Section, C.I.D. This branch started off two years ago with a negligible stock, save for the industry, energy and ability of the staff. To-day it possesses the photographs of 2,000 Indians, with biographies of ⁶²²⁰ of these, included amongst whom are no less than one hundred and twenty five who are suspected of being engaged in subversive activities. Besides the Indian Section regularly receives 12 Indian publications intended for local circulation, and makes translations of matters which are of interest from a police point of view either through being inflammatory or containing facts likely to prove useful as intelligence. All this information about persons and matters is carefully filed and indexed, so that the details about any matter dealt with can be made available at a moment's notice.

As might be expected, the members of the staff of the Indian Section have gained a most comprehensive knowledge of local Indian affairs in the collection of this vast amount of information. Added to their ability to speak the local dialect, experience in local affairs and police and detective work generally, this knowledge makes them well qualified for the work they are doing. The efficiency they have already attained will be further increased as their experience becomes more mature and as they make progress in Hindustani, which they are now studying.

J. H. Evans
Assistant Commissioner of Police
(Pol).

*apch.
Information
compiled for
record before
25/6 1929*

Secret and
Confidential.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

C. I. D. REGISTRY

No. 1. U. D. 5

File No. 18.6.29

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

Indian Section.

17-6-29.

A/D. C. I.

The Indian Section was formed during the early part of 1927 in which year it occurred to the D.C.I. and other officers of the C.I.D. that groups of disaffected Indians in Shanghai and nearby outports were conducting a campaign of agitation which, although calculated to overthrow British rule in India, was already proving detrimental to the peace and good order of the Settlement. The concourse of political events in China had inspired a renewed confidence in these groups who, consequently, were no longer inarticulate but, on the contrary, were striving to bring the British policy in China into disfavour and thus curry favour with the Chinese in enforcing their own aims. For instance, in Shanghai clandestine meetings, essentially seditious in character, were being held under the auspices of such notorious individuals as Gajjan Singh (S.L. G-1), Ishar Singh (S.L. I-4), Hari Singh (S.L. H-2) and others. The venue, more often than not, was in the Jessfield or Hongkew Parks, although on several occasions a room in the China Press Building was also resorted to with the permission of the management, who obviously had been deluded into the belief that the meetings assumed the form of religious observances and had no political significance whatever. At these meetings, needless to say, highly objectionable ~~literature~~ speeches were delivered advocating the dissemination of inflammatory literature in support of the Chinese Revolutionary movement and containing attacks on the British. In Hankow an Indian paper entitled the "Ghadr Dhandora" (Crier of Mutiny) had commenced publication and, printed fortnightly, was receiving a large

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

- 2 -

clientele of readers in China and abroad. At the outset, it was thought that this organ depended solely upon the postal service for its transmission to Shanghai but it subsequently transpired that Indian sympathizers travelling at irregular intervals between Yangtze River Ports and Shanghai were, in part, responsible for its delivery here. Some of these individuals, it is said, were contrabandists and passed from place to place under cover of medicinal and other such pursuits.

There is no disputing the fact that this abnormal state of affairs well warranted the inception of the Indian Section and the appointment of a staff to cope with the situation which was then in process of creation in Shanghai. This staff during the intervening years has been gradually augmented so that it now comprises one Detective Sub-Inspector, two Detective Sergeants, five Indians, two Chinese detectives and one Chinese agent and appended hereto is a list giving an account of the duties performed by these men.

The conviction for sedition of three rabid individuals named Gajjan Singh (S.L. G-1), Gairda Singh (H.L. G-1) and Dasaundha Singh (H.L. D-1) in ^{July} 1927, and their deportation to India upon completion of their sentence in April, 1928, not only imparted a strong moral effect on the local Indian Community but indicated that the staff of the Section were applying themselves with energy to the task of suppressing the subversive activities herein referred to. It was not until 12th April, 1928, when violent attempts were made by the local disloyalists to forcibly re-open the Paoshing Road Gurdwara, in contravention of an order issued by H.B.M.'s Consul-General, that any incident worthy

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

- 3 -

of mention occurred. For this eventuality, however, the Indian Section showed praiseworthy preparedness. Among other things, they made pre-arrangements with the Chinese Authorities in consequence of which a combined body of armed police and soldiers was despatched to the neighbourhood of the Gurdwara. This body of men in conjunction with members of the Shanghai Municipal Police formed a cordon around the only entrance to the Gurdwara and thereby made access to the premises impossible.

The Gurdwara, with the sanction of H.B.M's Consul-General, was officially re-opened to the Sikh Community on 22nd April, 1928, from which date it devolved on the section to keep the place under surveillance. It was soon realized that the institution was rapidly becoming a hotbed of sedition and, in consequence, two Sikh members of the section were instructed to attend all meetings from time to time held therein for the purpose of reporting, in their own vernacular, the speeches delivered. This procedure resulted in the arrest of five individuals named Ishar Singh (S.L. I-4), Indar Singh (S.L. I-2), Narain Singh (S.L. II-3), Asa Singh Bathi Baine and Hukam Singh (H.L. H-1), who for a long time had been a thorn in the sides of the more loyal Indians in Shanghai. They were all sentenced on 20th May, 1929, to varying terms of imprisonment and deportation to India.

Mr. Blackburn, H.B.M. Vice Consul, whose duties up to the time of his departure for England, consisted in dealing with the local Indian situation, is known to have remarked that the work of the Indian Section was most gratifying inasmuch as it had not infrequently placed at his disposal information more comprehensive and valuable

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

- 4 -

in character than that received at any time previous to its inception.

One of the most outstanding factors on which the efficiency of the Indian Section depends, is its proximity to other Sections of the C.I.D., the nature of whose work is analogous in each case and therefore calls for mutual co-operation. It may also be noted that the foreign staff of the section have now taken up the study of Hindustani and a knowledge of this language, although not absolutely essential, will undoubtedly facilitate the work and tend to bring forth successful results to enquiries.

SBK
rs

MB

20:6:29.

RMB

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

5.

Duties Performed By Indian Section.

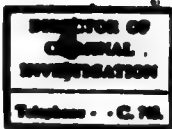
- (1) Inquiries into circulation of seditious literature among Indians.
- (2) Censoring and translating of all seditious literature in Indian languages.
- (3) Translating of all letters sent out by British Indian prisoners in Amoy Road Gaol, and correspondence received from other sources.
- (4) General surveillance on persons engaged in this movement.
- (5) Censoring Indian books for the use of the Prisoners Library in Amoy Road Gaol.
- (6) General surveillance on seditious activity among Indians.
- (7) Compiling a record of Indians leaving Shanghai.
- (8) Compiling lists and biographies of Indians engaged in seditious movements.
- (9) Inquiries concerning applicants for passports and reports on such applications with recommendations.
- (10) Watching Indian suspects.
- (11) Inquiries into Indian Affairs in general, meetings etc.
- (12) Prosecution of Indian seditionists.
- (13) Investigating and reporting on enquiries concerning Indians received from H.B.M's Consulate-General and Lt. Col. G.H.R. Halland.
- (14) Inquiries concerning Indians suspected of dealing in contraband.
- (15) Meeting of steamers from Yangtze River Ports concerning Indian arrivals.

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

- 6 -

- (16) Maintaining a watch at the Shanghai North Station in connection with the arrival and/or departure of Indians.
- (17) Inquiries concerning applications for passport facilities for Shanghai made by Indians residing in India, Malay States, Singapore etc.
- (18) Meeting all Dollar steamers from the United States of America concerning Indian passengers and deportees in transit through Shanghai.
- (19) Inquiries concerning indigent Indians applying for repatriation at Government expense and reports on such with recommendations.
- (20) Inquiries concerning Indian applicants for positions in the employ of the Shanghai Municipal Police.
- (21) Assisting H.B.M.'s Consulate-General in the yearly registration of British Indians.
- (22) Suppressing the circulation of seditious literature amongst the Indian Community.
- (23) Assisting the P & O Company in locating Indian deserters from their steamers.

*1/11/21**9/11/21*
18:6:21



CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.

S. M. I.

24. 5. 1939.

Mr. (Pol.)
Mr. Ross

Please let me have
a summary of the
work of the Indian Section
now as compared with
the work & efficiency
prior to C.I.D. taking it
over.

St. John

Date. 25-10-29

No. 1. Q. D. ... 25-10-29

Date. 2... 12... 29

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

Sir,

With reference to the Acting D.C.I.'s remarks on my report of October 23, 1929, I beg to point out that D.S.I. Ross recommended the retention of the Indians transferred in connection with the murder case on no less than ten occasions. In this connection, I would respectfully refer you to M. 581 dated April 4, 1929, and May 8, 1929, and to your remarks thereon which, addressed to the Acting D.C.I., are to the effect that these men should be temporarily transferred to the Indian section and that should experience show that their retention is justified they could be transferred permanently. In his report on the subject dated 12th May, 1929, D.S.I. Ross expressly states that there is sufficient work to justify the retention of these men but apparently this report was not sent on to you.

I now beg to make the following recommendations for your consideration.

- (1) That S.P.C. 74 Surain Singh and S.P.C. 77 Dulla Singh be transferred to the C.I.D. as Detective Constables.
- (2) That they be granted the following emoluments from 1st January 1930.

Pay \$26.00.

Detective Allowance \$ 8.00.

Locomotion Allowance \$ 6.00.

and that provision in the budget for 1930 be made accordingly.

H.B. The services rendered to the C.I.D. by these men have been particularly satisfactory and they have proved themselves to be qualified for detective work.

A. C. (Pol).

airmail

*Spish bendone I think
recommendation and am submitting
it for your consideration. J.S. 1/11/29*

*He
S.P.C. 74
transferred
J.S.*

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

24-10-29

SHARDAH MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
FILE NO. O. D.
Date..... 24. 10. 29.

Sir,

S. P. C. 44 Surain Singh, S. P. C. 209 Bhola Singh and S. P. C. 44 Dulla Singh, the three Indians who were transferred in connection with the Harcharan Singh murder case, have been instructed by me to resume uniform duty at their respective stations from 25th October 1929. S. P. C. 44 Surain Singh was interpellor at Must Hongtew Station when he volunteered to help the Section in the investigation of the murder but he fears that he will not be re-installed in that capacity when he resumes uniform duty. As this man has proved himself an asset to the C. I. D., I think it would be grossly unfair that he should be made to walk a beat and be deprived of the post he previously held. I therefore respectfully recommend that he be re-installed as a Station Interpellor.

The three men request permission to retain their firearms as they say they have incurred the penalty of money through their connections with the C. I. D. and now that they are no longer attached to this

Amat decided
Statement & answers
for pending
inquiries on the
Subject. He
must do as all
disciplined men
do & obey
29/10/29. Ray

A matter
D. O. sent
as not agreed

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

A.D.B.I.

I respectfully recommend that you re-consider your decision about having all the Sikh officers, who were transferred to the Indian Section to help in the murder case and sedition case, sent back to uniform duty. I am making this recommendation in view of the reasons given in a report by D.S. Whind, which is attached, and in order to be sure that everything possible is done to help this junior officer to undertake the heavy responsibility which devolves upon him as a consequence of the absence on leave of Detective Sub-Inspector Ross. In case you feel that D.S. Whind's plea is not justified, I shall give instructions to have these men sent back to the Uniform Branch forthwith.

W. Whind
A.B. (Pol.)

October 23, 1929.

A.C. (Pol.)

When members of the Uniform Branch are loaned to C.I.D. in times of stress & C.I.D. permission is obtained, it is the duty of the officer in charge of the Section to report when that purpose is accomplished. D.S. Ross should have done so & it should be unnecessary for me to have to remember these things. I have no authority

Police Station
(Indian Section)
Date 24-10-29

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. I. D. REGISTRY
F. I. O. D. No.
Date 24/10/29

(C.I.D.) Office Note

Sir,

S.P.C 44 Surain Singh, S.P.C 209
Bhola Singh and S.P.C. 74 Dulla
Singh, the three Indians who
were transferred in connection
with the Narsaran Singh
murder case, have been instructed
by me to resume uniform
duty at their respective
stations from 25th October
1929. S.P.C 44 Surain Singh
was interpreter at West
Kowloon Station when he
volunteered to help the
Section in the investigation
of the murder but he fears
that he will not be re-
installed in that capacity
when he resumes uniform
duty. As this man has proved
himself an asset to the C. I. D.,
I think it would be grossly
unfair that he should be
made to walk a beat
and be deprived of the
post he previously held.
I therefore respectfully recommend
that he be re-installed as
a Station Interpreter.

The three men request
permission to retain their
firearms as they say they
have incurred the enmity of many
through their connection with
the C. I. D. and now that they are
no longer attached to this

Final decision
Statement & answers
for pending
enquiries on the
Subject. He
must do as all
disciplined men
do & obey
29/10/29. H.S.

A matter for
D.O. to be
agreed

department they consider that the liability
of being attacked is considerably
greater. For my own part, I am strongly
of the opinion that it would be inadvisable
to deprive them of their firearms
for the time being but that they
should hand these over eventually,
anyway within the next two months.

a. c. (Pol.)

A. Rhind
D.S.

Indian Section,

Please instruct the men
concerned to return the
firearms at once. Should they
consider their lives in danger,
they should make special
applications through the chiefs
of the stations to which they are
sent, to carry firearms.

noted and complied with

at

24/10/29

W.R.
24/10/29

I agree
K.C.H.
24/10

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

A/S.B.I.

I respectfully recommend that you re-consider your decision about having all the Sikh officers, who were transferred to the Indian Section to help in the murder case and sedition case, sent back to uniform duty. I am making this recommendation in view of the reasons given in a report by D.S. Khind, which is attached, and in order to be sure that everything possible is done to help this junior officer to undertake the heavy responsibility which devolves upon him as a consequence of the absence on leave of Detective Sub-Inspector Ross. In case you feel that D.S. Khind's plea is not justified, I shall give instructions to have these men sent back to the Uniform Branch forthwith.

W. G. Wiers
A.S. (Vol.)

October 23, 1929.

A.C. (Vol.)

When members of the Uniform Branch are loaned to C.I.D. in times of stress & C.I.D. permission is obtained, it is the duty of the officer in charge of the Section to report when that purpose is accomplished. D.S. Ross should have done so & it should be unnecessary for me to have to remember these things. I have no authority.

To retain these men on the C.I.D.
& no authority to add to the
responsibility of the officers of
the Section by finding work for
them.

As a matter of discipline
they should have gone back at
once & if an increase of staff
was necessary the officer in
charge should have made a
recommendation & detailed the
reasons for the increase so that
the approval of the C.I. could
have been obtained.

23/10

Leaves
9 Dec

Indian Section,

Please send these men
back to the uniform branch
at once, and submit a
fresh report explaining your
needs and applying for
whatsoever men you feel you
require. In any application
you make for further assistance
you should only ask for the
men you require.

Date 23.10.27

File No.

(C.I.D.) Other Notes

Sir,

Three Indians were transferred from the Uniform Branch to the Indian Section in March of this year comprising S.P.C. 74 Dulla Singh, S.P.C. Bhola Singh and S.P.C. Suran Singh, to assist in the investigation of the Haracharan Singh murder case. Up to that time, sedition in the local Indian community was rife but in the months which followed these activities subsided so much so that conditions returned to normalcy and this was in part due to the augmentation of the Indian staff of the section. If, therefore, these men's services are now dispensed, and only one Indian namely, D. A. 102 Basant Singh, is left to cope with the work, there is no saying what will happen.

At the present time, the three S.P.C.'s are detailed daily to visit different sections of Shanghai (1) to obtain what information they can concerning local disaffected Indians (2) to ascertain whether there have been new arrivals, (3) to gather information re the activities of known agitators.

Due to the prosecution of imperialism at Shanghai being normal staff is sufficient.

What is likely to happen?

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

at tracking up & into the activities of local seditionists. (4) to call various Indians to the office for interview in connection with enquiries received. In addition, they take turns of visiting vessels arriving from the U. S. A and Canada as a preventative measure against allowing deportees from these countries to land at Starghan and also to ascertain what Indians are on board for the information of A. B. N. Consulate.

I may say that if the services of these men are dispensed with it will be very difficult to keep a check on disaffected Sikhs or to control ^{them} in the same manner as in the past six months.

Furthermore, D. H. 102 Basant Singh will proceed on long leave on January 1, 1930 and I had intended requisitioning for the services of another man to substitute for him during his absence.

In view of these facts I beg to recommend that the Indian staff of the Station remain as at present.

A. B. N.

(C.I.D.) Office Notes

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL C. I. D. REC. No. NO. D... 8 date. 24. 10. 29

Letter,

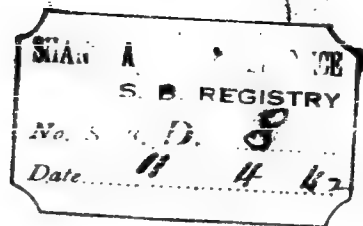
Machet is approved but I should be glad if you will please impress on members of the Indian Section the necessity of great care in carrying out this kind of work. Legally we are not entitled to interfere with anyone who comes & goes to or from Shanghai & it would be better to confine our attentions to only those Indians who are likely to cause a breach of the peace locally, except when armed with the proper legal documents or in criminal cases.

23/10

Scars
4/5/31

Indian Section,

a.c. please note. *W*



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

POLICE FORCE

SPECIAL BRANCH SECTIONS

ORGANIZATION & WORK

1929 - 1941

D-8

Covering Index to File D.8

Serial No.

Subject

1. Work of " A " Division. 1929.
2. Work of " B " Division. 1929.
3. Duties of J.C.D.I. Nakagawa and Japanese members of Special Branch.
4. Duties of Russian members of C.I.D.
5. Work of S. 1.
6. Work of S. 2.
7. Work of S. 3 and S. 5.
8. Work of S. 4.
9. New designations of sections at Hdqrs.
Reorganization of Crime & Special Branch sections.
10. Spare copies of orders issued to sections under reorganization system.
11. Memo issued by D.C. (Divs.) and D.C. (Cr. & Sp.Br.) re cooperation between stations and Special Branch re raids etc. made in connection with political offences.
12. Police order re copies of all station reports on political matters to be forwarded to Officer i/c Special Branch.
13. Memo issued by Officer i/c Special Branch calling for reports on work of sections of Special Branch.
14. Members of S.1 commended re raids on communist bases between Jan 17 and Jan. 21, 1931.
15. Memo re members of Special Branch sections to be in office on Saturday afternoons etc. Letter from S.S.D. Court re dated 24.3.31.
16. Additional Russian detective required by S.2.
17. Additional agents for S.1 . 10.4.31.
18. Duties of members of C. & S.B. Registry. 7.5.31.
19. C.D.S. 96 Teng Hai Lin (Louza) recommended for transfer to S.1.
20. Transfer of work pertaining to communistic activities from S. 1 to S. 2. 18.5.31.
21. C.D.C. 115 Lieu Shang Tsai recommended for transfer to S.5 vice C.D.C. 75 Tsang Wei Yeu. 29.9.31. (Transferred to D.8/7.)
22. Instructions to members of Crime Branch, Hdqrs.
23. Special Branch Offices, departmental transfers. Special Branch Registry segregated from Crime & Special Branch Registry. May 1, 1934.
24. Boarding House Section of C. 1 taken over by Special Branch. S.2 from June 1, 1934.

2 -

Serial No.

Subject

25.

Addresses of Foreign members of Special Branch.

Statement of Pay and Allowances in Dollars for the
Month of JAN 1943

Group No.	Pay and Assessed Quarters Allowance Computable for Superannuation @ 5%	BASIC PAY	ALLOWANCES				DEDUCTIONS				NET AMOUNT DUE
			Temporary Allowance	Marriage Allowance	Detective	Service Commutation Allowance	SUPERANNUATION		Other	P.R.C.	
							5% Basis	10% Basis			
3	526 54	455 78	1310 52	100 00	49 00	700 00		26 33	2 67 79	3 00	2518 18

Statement of Pay and Allowances in Dollars for the
Month of FEB 1943

Group No.	Pay and Assessed Quarters Allowance Computable for Superannuation @ 5%	BASIC PAY	ALLOWANCES				DEDUCTIONS				NET AMOUNT DUE
			Temporary Allowance	Marriage Allowance	Detective	Commodities Bonus Allowance	SUPERANNUATION		Other	P.R.C.	
							5% Basis	10% Basis			
3	526 54	455 78	1310 52	100 00	49 00	700 00		26 33 2	67 79	3 00	2518 18

Statement of Pay and Allowances in Dollars for the
Month of 1 - AUG. 1943

Group No. 區分	Pay Over and Quarters Allowance Computable for Superannuation 5% 以上及 3個月以上	BASIC PAY 基本給	ALLOWANCES 手 當				DEDUCTIONS 控 款				NET AMOUNT DUE 手 取 額	Tiffin and Adjustment Allowances 調飯及食事手當
			Temporary Allowance. 臨時手當	Marriage Allowance 妻帯手當	Detective 利事手當	Commodities Allowance 物價手當	SUPERANNUATION 積立金		Other 其 他	P.R.C. 供膳部		
							5% Basis 算定額ノ五分	10% Basis 算定額ノ一割				
3	1144 44	457 50	1345 10	100 00	63 00	700 00		26 73	2 77 77	3 00	3702 54	300 00

Statement of Pay and Allowances in Dollars for the
Month of SEP. 1943

Group No. 區分	Pay and Assessed Quarters Allowance Computable for Superannuation 薪、金、及、考、勤、手、當、可、計、入、退、休、金、之、額	BASIC PAY 基本給	ALLOWANCES 手當				DEDUCTIONS 控除				NET AMOUNT DUE 應、付、金、額 G.手、當、手、當	Tiffin and Adjustment Allowances 調、食、及、考、勤、手、當
			Temporary Allowance. 臨時手當	Marriage Allowance. 娶妻手當	Detective Allowance. 刑事手當	Commodities Allowance. 物價手當	SUPERANNUATION 積立金		Other 其他	P.R.C. 保險部		
							5% Basis 算定額ノ五分	10% Basis 算定額ノ一割				
3	1144 44	457 50	1345 10	100 00	63 00	700 00		26 73	277 77	3 00	1602 21	300 00

FM. 399.

記 號 SYMBOLS:

A 預支扣款金	Advance (Suspense a/c)	M 交通津貼	Locomotion Allowance
B 預支扣款金	Advance (Superannuation Fund)	N 交通扣款金	Locomotion Deduction
C 已付	Already Paid	O 儲蓄銀行儲蓄金	Municipal Savings Bank
D 分發津貼	Charge Pay	P 高級職員膳食費	Officers Mess Fund
E 官舍津貼	Deduction for Rent	Q 便服津貼	Plain Clothes Allowance
F 偵查津貼	Detective Allowance	R 預備津貼	Reserve Unit Allowance
G 房舍津貼	Excess Rental	S 薪俸扣款金	Staff Pay Deduction
H 房舍津貼	Exchange Adjustment	T 訓練津貼	Training Depot Allowance
I 罰金	Fines	U 制服津貼	Uniform Allowance
J 房舍津貼	House Allowance		
K 保險費	Insurance		
L 語言津貼	Language Bonus		

Statement of Pay and Allowances in Dollars for the
Month of..... 1943

組分 Group No.	本 BASIC PAY	津貼 ALLOWANCES				午膳及津貼 Time and Adjustment Allowances	時間外津貼 Overtime Pay and 30% Increase	扣款 DEDUCTIONS				二成津貼 20% Increase
		臨時津貼 Temporary Allowance	結婚津貼 Marriage Allowance	偵查津貼 Detective	物品津貼 Commodities Allowance			公積金 SUPERANNUATION		其他 Other	供養金 P.R.C.	
								原定額五分 5% Basis	原定額十分 10% Basis			
3	457 50	1345 10	100 00	63 00	700 00	300 00	1144 44		26 73 S	77 77	3 00	801 11

FM. 399.

記 號 SYMBOLS:

A 預支扣款金	Advance (Suspense a/c)	M 交通津貼	Locomotion Allowance
B 預支扣款金	Advance (Superannuation Fund)	N 交通扣款金	Locomotion Deduction
C 已付	Already Paid	O 儲蓄銀行儲蓄金	Municipal Savings Bank
D 分發津貼	Charge Pay	P 高級職員膳食費	Officers Mess Fund
E 官舍津貼	Deduction for Rent	Q 便服津貼	Plain Clothes Allowance
F 偵查津貼	Detective Allowance	R 預備津貼	Reserve Unit Allowance
G 房舍津貼	Excess Rental	S 薪俸扣款金	Staff Pay Deduction
H 房舍津貼	Exchange Adjustment	T 訓練津貼	Training Depot Allowance
I 罰金	Fines	U 制服津貼	Uniform Allowance
J 房舍津貼	House Allowance		
K 保險費	Insurance		
L 語言津貼	Language Bonus		

Statement of Pay and Allowances in Dollars for the
Month of..... NOV. 1943

組分 Group No.	本 BASIC PAY	津貼 ALLOWANCES				午膳及津貼 Group Adjustment Allowances	時間外津貼 Overtime Pay and 30% Increase	扣款 DEDUCTIONS				二成津貼 20% Increase
		臨時津貼 Temporary Allowances	結婚津貼 Marriage Equivalent	偵查津貼 Percentage Detective Group 1	物品津貼 Commodities Allowance			公積金 SUPERANNUATION		其他 Other	供養金 P.R.C.	
								原定額五分 5% Basis	原定額十分 10% Basis			
3	457 50	63 00	550 00	812	5016 00	1504 80			26 73		3 00	6491-07

FM. 399.

記 號 SYMBOLS:

A 預支扣款金	Advance (Suspense a/c)	M 交通津貼	Locomotion Allowance
B 預支扣款金	Advance (Superannuation Fund)	N 交通扣款金	Locomotion Deduction
C 已付	Already Paid	O 儲蓄銀行儲蓄金	Municipal Savings Bank
D 分發津貼	Charge Pay	P 高級職員膳食費	Officers Mess Fund
E 官舍津貼	Deduction for Rent	Q 便服津貼	Plain Clothes Allowance
F 偵查津貼	Detective Allowance	R 預備津貼	Reserve Unit Allowance
G 房舍津貼	Excess Rental	S 薪俸扣款金	Staff Pay Deduction
H 房舍津貼	Exchange Adjustment	T 訓練津貼	Training Depot Allowance
I 罰金	Fines	U 制服津貼	Uniform Allowance
J 房舍津貼	House Allowance		
K 保險費	Insurance		
L 語言津貼	Language Bonus		

Statement of Pay and Allowances in Dollars for the
Month of..... DEC. 1943

組分 Group No.	本 BASIC PAY	津貼 ALLOWANCES				午膳及津貼 Group Adjustment Allowances	時間外津貼 Overtime Pay and 30% Increase	扣款 DEDUCTIONS				二成津貼 20% Increase
		臨時津貼 Temporary Allowances	結婚津貼 Marriage Equivalent	偵查津貼 Percentage Detective Group 1	物品津貼 Commodities Allowance			公積金 SUPERANNUATION		其他 Other	供養金 P.R.C.	
								原定額五分 5% Basis	原定額十分 10% Basis			
3	457 50	63 00	550 00	812	5016 00	1504 80			26 73		3 00	

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

CROSS-REFERENCE SLIP

Special Branch Reg. OFFICE

FILE NO. D. S.

SUBJECT:

Reorganization of Special Branch, H.Q. December 1936.

[illegible]